



# OAPIA Newsletter

## generAsian Next

On August 24, 2004, **Office of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA)** held its second youth workshop, *generAsian Next*, in the John A. Wilson building at the heart of the downtown district. About 15 youth of African American and Asian descent participated in this day long workshop.

The government panelists from the Department of Employment Services and the Department of Parks and Recreation spoke about various youth programs that the District offered while a diverse group of career panelists, including a filmmaker and architect, discussed how the youth could reach their career goals.



**Picture with the Mayor**

*The youth workshop attendees pose with Mayor Williams after visiting his suite at the Wilson Building.*



*A DC government representative speaks of various youth programs/services.*



*Tour Wilson Building*



*Panel discussion*

The highlight of the workshop was when the participants met with Mayor Anthony Williams and asked him various questions about the city, public schools, and his role as mayor.

Later, these young people participated in a multiracial forum, "Hate Ends with Me," discussing their personal experiences with racial discrimination and ways they could eliminate racism. "It is really good to see the youth unite with their many differences and talk to one another and in return, become better human beings. It will help further diversify society," said Chad Smith, the African American youth panelist.

By the end of the day, these eager young minds left with a sense of satisfaction toward the workshop, which is part of OAPIA's commitment and focus in reaching out to the API community.

The next upcoming information workshop is Ward 5 Merchant workshop on Wednesday, September 1, 2004.

## Funding & Resource Opportunities

☐ **Reading and Writing.** *The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's Innovation Fund* provides grants to spark the creation or expansion of innovative educa-

tion programs in a particular field each year.

For 2005, the Foundation invites proposals from non-remedial, out-of-school programs in critical reading and/or writing for elementary and/or middle school students.

Programs should be designed to help

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## Funding & Resource Opportunities continued

students build high-level reading and/or writing skills to help them excel in rigorous academic environments as they mature. Programs must operate in the U.S. and serve low-to-moderate-income students. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is October 15, 2004. Approximately 3 grants will be made, ranging from \$100,000-\$200,000.

For further information and to access the application, go to: <http://www.jackkentcookefoundation.org/>.

❑ **Youth Leadership.** *The Starbucks Foundation* funds local programs that serve low-income, at-risk youth through its Youth Leadership Grant Program. Grants are given in two areas: 1) Power of Literacy – programs that stimulate personal development and a commitment to social equity, justice and environmental awareness through writing, literacy and expression in public forums; and 2) Leaders in Diversity – programs that teach the value of societal diversity and develop youth leadership skills to foster understanding between individuals, groups and communities.

Eligible organizations include nonprofit organizations that serve youth between the ages of 6-18 and involve Starbucks Partners (employees) in a meaning-

ful way.

The deadline for applications is October 1, 2004. Grants range from \$5,000-\$20,000. For further information, go to: <http://www.starbucks.com/aboutus/grantinfo.asp?cookie%5Ftest=1>.

❑ **AOL Tech Corps.** *NPower and DC Cares* will run the AOL Tech Corps program, a service that matches skilled AOL employee volunteers with nonprofit organizations lacking technical support and funding. The program is an opportunity for nonprofits to evaluate what their most important technology needs are and learn how to integrate technology into delivering on their missions. Last year's programs included Virus Vaccination and Tech Fitness Days. Participants are needed for a pilot project this year.

AOL volunteers will conduct technology audits for area nonprofits and identify those that qualify for future projects. Eligible applicants include nonprofits with annual budgets under \$750,000. For further information, contact [megan@npowergdc.org](mailto:megan@npowergdc.org); or go to: <http://www.npowergdc.org/dcaoltechcorps.htm>.

❑ **Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC).** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* provides assistance to nonprofit and government representatives through a resource center at One Judiciary Square, 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite

200 South.

The primary focus of the GIRC is to assist emerging and small nonprofits that either lack computer access or the knowledge to best use their existing computer technology to identify grant, capacity building, and other related resource information online. Featured in the GIRC are four workstations with funding research databases and access to the Internet. The Center also has a small library of printed materials. Access to the GIRC is free of charge but requires an appointment. Call (202) 727-8900 to schedule an appointment.

❑ **Regional Report.** *The Greater Washington Initiative* recently released its annual signature publication.

The Greater Washington Regional Report provides current demographic, economic, business and quality of life data on the Greater Washington region. The 2004 report features a new international section, enhanced quality of life information and data that compares the Greater Washington region to the top ten most populous metro regions in the country.

For further information, go to: [http://www.greaterwashington.org/services/publications/reg\\_rept.htm](http://www.greaterwashington.org/services/publications/reg_rept.htm).

## Job Announcement

### Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center (APALRC)

#### AMERICORPS\*VISTA PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Through a partnership with Korean Churches for Community Development, the Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center (APALRC) seeks the placement of an AmeriCorps\*VISTA member to serve as the Program Coordinator for a project to provide legal assistance to Korean victims of domestic violence. The Program Coordinator is expected to serve full-time for 12 months.

The Program Coordinator will complement and support the work of APALRC's Domestic Violence Staff Attorney by leading the project's outreach/education, and coalition-building efforts in both the Korean and mainstream communities. The Program Coordinator will work under the supervision of the Staff Attorney.

**Qualifications:** Undergraduate degree or equivalent experience required. Must be very detail-oriented, extremely well organized, and possess excellent interpersonal communication skills in working with coalition partners. Experience in working with various word processing and database software, including Microsoft Excel and Access Database management experience a plus. Proficiency in Korean language required. Understanding of and experience working with domestic violence issues a plus.

Interested applications should email a cover letter, resume, writing sample, and references to

Pauline Poh at [pauline.poh@apalrc.org](mailto:pauline.poh@apalrc.org).

Materials can also be sent to APALRC, 733 15<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Suite 315, Washington, D.C. 20005.